

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A vehicle key system includes a fingerprint verification unit for verifying identity of fingerprint information captured by a fingerprint information capturing unit by comparing it with  
5 a list of pieces of fingerprint information about fingerprints of authorized users stored in a fingerprint information storage unit. A manipulation detection unit can detect at least one of a predetermined manipulation of an operation unit, such as a wiper switch, a winker switch, or a shift lever, and a  
10 predetermined manipulation of a pedal, such as an acceleration pedal, a brake pedal, or a clutch pedal. A processing mode switching unit can switch between a plurality of processing modes according to the predetermined manipulation detected by the manipulation detection unit.

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